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SUBJECT Floating Road Bridge over the Biya River  
at Biysk

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points in the Biysk area (N 52-35, E 85-14) (See overlay,

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page 3).

1. Bystryy Istok - a kolkhoz settlement with approximately 9,000 to 10,000 inhabitants. Almost all structures in the village were of wood. streets unmaved.

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2. Road - called "Chuyskiy Trakt", six to seven meters wide, gravel covered, flanked by ditches. Traffic frequency not estimated.

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The settlement of Bystryy Istok was connected with this road by a dirt road (exact route unknown, but described as almost straight).

3. Rail Line - as indicated on the overlay.

4. Road - also called "Chuyskiy Trakt", six to seven meters wide, asphalt covered, flanked with ditches.

this road led south to Gorno Altaysk;

5. Ferry - serviced the road, Point 2. All vehicles and pedestrians were ferried across the Katun River. Trucks were charged eight rubles per trip.

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6. Biysk - a moderately built town, population not estimated.

general structural data of a floating bridge across the Biya River.  
(see sketch page 3, Point 7).

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7. Floating Road Bridge - built of wood, approximately 1,000 meters long, of which 800 meters were actually over water. The bridge was of the single deck type, height over water level approximately 10 meters, width of wooden planked driveway six meters, sidewalks on both sides-each one meter wide, railings 1.5 meters high. The bridge rested on wooden piles which in turn rested on wooden barges, size not known. Total number of barges approximately twenty. These barges were held in place by cables strung to wooden poles rammed into the river bed. Piles supporting the bridge over land were rammed into the ground.

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the bridge consisted of sections which were joined together, method unknown. According to hearsay, a certain section of the bridge could be removed temporarily to permit the passing of river craft. During the winter months (November to April) the bridge was completely removed, method and storage place unknown, and all traffic crossed the river on the ice.

judging from the appearance estimated the bridge to be a few years old. The capacity of the bridge was unknown but whenever a heavy truck was crossing the bridge, a slight dipping of bridge sections was noticeable. At night the bridge was well illuminated by lamps fastened to wooden poles along railings. There was always one militiaman stationed at each end of the bridge collecting tolls amounting to 12 rubles from every government owned truck. Private vehicles were not subject to toll. The only signs at the approaches were speed limit signs (five kilometers per hour).

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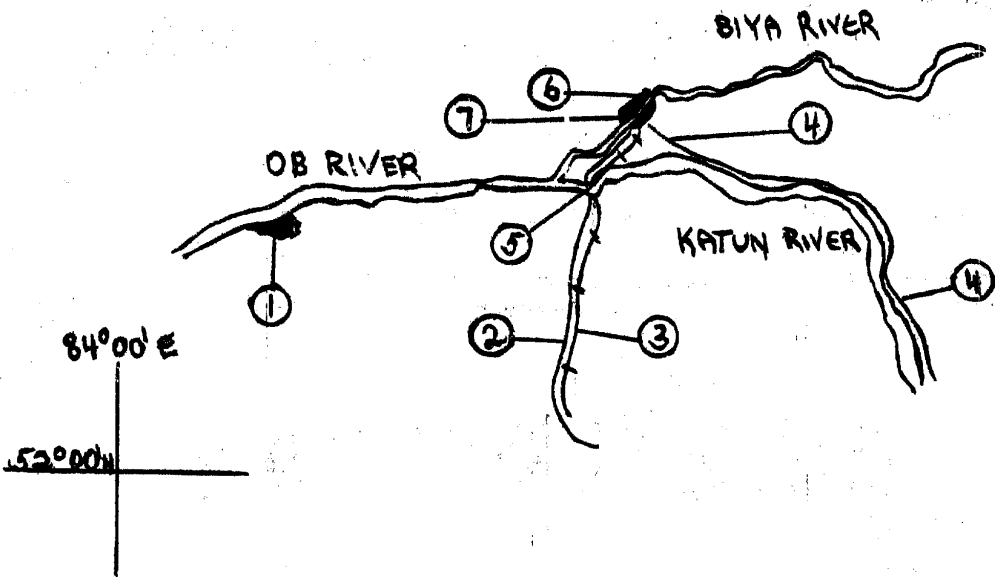
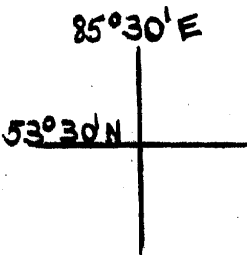


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Overlay of World Aeronautical Chart, 161, Abakanskiy Mountains, Scale 1:1,000,000.

Legend to Overlay

- 1. Bystryy Istok
- 2. Road
- 3. Rail Line
- 4. Road
- 5. Ferry
- 6. Biysk
- 7. Floating Road Bridge



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